

Gary Pasquinelli

Gary Pasquinelli is the owner of Pasquinelli Produce Company, a second-generation family farming operation based in Yuma, Arizona. The Company farms 7,500 acres of winter vegetables and watermelons, all in Yuma County.

Gary is currently serving his second term as a member of the State of Arizona's Agricultural Employment Relations Board. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Yuma Catholic High School, having been a founding trustee and inaugural chairman. Past service on state boards includes: member of the Governor's Selection Committee for the Director of the Arizona department of Agriculture; and more recently, a member of the Governor's Clean Colorado River Commission. In 2000, Gary was honored as Yuma County's Citizen of the Year.



In addition to his "agricultural industry hat", he does wear another, perhaps more important "clerical hat"; in 1991 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Tucson, and currently serves at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Yuma.

Taking an active interest in his community, he has been a Hospice of Yuma volunteer, and is currently a lifetime member of Caballeros de Yuma, an ambassador group for the community. Gary is chairman of Yuma's Downtown Community Christmas, an annual charitable event that serves meals to 3,000 needy families and provides them with food boxes and gifts for their children.

Gary earned a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame. He is also a graduate of the University of Arizona's Agricultural Leadership Program, Project CENTRL. He, and his wife of 36 years, Barbara have 4 daughters, and 6 grandsons.